

## REPLY

The amended claims are based on claims filed in the International patent application on 9 May 2005 without including the amendments that have not been made to claims 1 and 23 as indicated in box no. 4 in the International Preliminary Report (IPR) on Patentability.

The Preliminary Amendment is being made to make several minor corrections as to form and to remove from the claims the multiple dependencies.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this Preliminary Amendment and indicate allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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